

# SENATE BILL NO. 532

September 18, 2019, Introduced by Senators HERTEL, BULLOCK, GEISS, CHANG, BAYER, LUCIDO, ALEXANDER, WOJNO, BRINKS, MCMORROW, MOSS and IRWIN and referred to the Committee on Education and Career Readiness.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled  
"The revised school code,"  
by amending section 1171 (MCL 380.1171), as added by 2006 PA 324.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 1171. (1) ~~The~~ **By not later than the 2020-2021 school**  
2 **year, the** board of a school district or board of directors of a  
3 public school academy ~~is encouraged to~~ **shall** provide age-  
4 appropriate **and medically accurate** instruction for pupils and

1 **medically accurate** professional development for school personnel  
2 concerning the warning signs and risk factors for suicide and  
3 depression and the protective factors that help prevent suicide.  
4 The instruction and professional development ~~shall~~**must** be designed  
5 to achieve the following goals:

6 (a) To prevent both fatal and nonfatal suicide behaviors among  
7 youth.

8 (b) To increase pupil awareness of the warning signs and risk  
9 factors for suicide and depression.

10 (c) To improve access to appropriate prevention services for  
11 vulnerable youth groups.

12 (2) The board of a school district or board of directors of a  
13 public school academy is encouraged to work with school personnel  
14 and local or state organizations and resources specializing in  
15 suicide prevention and awareness.

16 (3) The department shall develop or select model programs and  
17 materials on suicide prevention and awareness that are appropriate  
18 for the purposes of this section, such as the Michigan model for  
19 comprehensive school health education, and shall make those model  
20 programs and materials **and descriptions of the model programs and**  
21 **materials** available to school districts and public school  
22 academies.

23 ~~(4) If a school district or public school academy provides~~  
24 ~~instruction described in subsection (1), the~~**The** board of ~~the~~**a**  
25 school district or board of directors of ~~the~~**a** public school  
26 academy shall notify the parents of all pupils of each school in  
27 which the instruction **described in subsection (1)** is provided about  
28 the instruction using the communication method the school district  
29 or public school academy normally uses for regular communications

1 with parents. The board or board of directors shall ensure that a  
2 notice to parents under this subsection includes a description of  
3 the instruction provided to pupils under this section. If a school  
4 district or public school academy incorporates a model program or  
5 materials described under subsection (3) in the instruction it  
6 provides to pupils under this section, the board or board of  
7 directors shall ensure that the notice to parents under this  
8 subsection includes the description of the program or materials  
9 made available to the school district or public school academy by  
10 the department under subsection (3).

11 (5) Failure of a school district or public school academy to  
12 comply with subsection (4) does not create a cause of action or  
13 constitute a breach of any legal duty in a civil action.

14 (6) The legislature shall provide for funding to a school  
15 district or public school academy for any increase in cost related  
16 to compliance with this section.

17 (7) ~~(6)~~ This section shall be known as the "Chase Edwards  
18 law".

19 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days  
20 after the date it is enacted into law.